

# Talbot County Economic Development Vision and Recommendations

- An Evolving Community
- A Learning Community
- A Networked Community
- A Sustainable Community



# Talbot County Vision Statement

Talbot County is an evolving community committed to the future while grounded in its rich heritage. In collaboration with public and private partners across the region, we are committed to becoming a networked business community with advanced communication and transportation infrastructures. We will provide diverse educational and occupational opportunities to ensure a healthy economy, while sustaining our historic, cultural and natural resources.

# An Evolving Community

- Support smart growth and rural preservation
- Provide a simplified process for business relocation and expansion
- Encourage new agriculture initiatives and working landscapes
- Sustain the long-standing maritime heritage
- Retain and attract targeted industries
- Encourage entrepreneurial, cottage and proprietary technology businesses
- Develop competitive commercial/technology park resources to support future economic growth
- Develop infrastructure for next generation ground transportation and aviation facilities and services
- Leverage our heritage, historic and natural resources to support tourism.

# A Learning Community

- Develop Workforce training and career education to match jobs and needed skills
- Support enhanced, state-of-the-art, competitive K-12 and college resources
- Utilize heritage, arts and tourism resources as learning opportunities
- Ensure the attraction and retention of a skilled workforce
- Provide learning opportunities to connect all generations
- Implement initiatives from the Agriculture Visioning Plan (submitted 08/07 as final report).

# A Networked Community

- Leverage federal, state, & non-profit foundation resources for economic advancement
- Partner with IT providers, utilities, government and others to develop a competitive technology infrastructure for all people
- Encourage real time web-based information access for public and private enterprises

# A Sustainable Community

A community requires balance of critical development components to support a future tax base:

- Employment Opportunities
- Education Access
- Infrastructure for exchange of goods and services
- Affordable Housing
- Health medical care system for a healthy community
- Recreation activities for all citizens and visitors